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HOW IMMIGRANTS ARE PLUCKED.

The Nefarious Tricks which are Played Upon Newly-Arrived Foreigners.

Three dollars and fifty cents was recently charged an immigrant, in a grocery at the Battery for a loaf of bread and a pound of sausage. A runner who took the innocent customer to the place shared with the swindling shop-keeper the profits of the extortionate charge. Thirty dollars was not long since paid by a second immigrant, freshly over, in a grocery, near the former one, for a few small parcels of crackers, cheese and other articles of food. While the immigrant counted the money, which was nearly all he had, the runner who inveigled him into the place stole two bills out of his pocket-book.

"You can have no idea," said a reputable business man, whose office is at the Battery, "how these poor and honest immigrants are swindled by the runners, grocers and hotel-keepers. To my personal knowledge three of the immigrant runners are professional swindlers. They not only prey upon these guileless people in New York, but frequently take the same train with them and follow them out into the country. Often they return with large sums of money. How it has been obtained you may vaguely surmise. One of them has been convicted of frauds, for which he ought to have got fifteen years in the penitentiary at least. All are regularly licensed, dress well, and look respectable. Occasionally one is 'broken,' but you may soon see him at his nefarious work of swindling again, restored through corrupt political influence.

"A common trick with the runners is to get a lot of hurried and excited immigrants, on the point of taking a train for the West, into an immigrant grocery, tell them that there is not a single station between New York and Chicago, a distance of 1,000 miles, and adjure them to buy enough food for a week's journey.

They do so. The shop-keeper gives them short weights, goods for the most part worthless, and charges them unheard of prices. Lard cheese they sell to them for 18 or 20 cents a pound. Sausages made out of refuse meat, unwholesome and unfit to eat, they often charge them \$1 a pound for. Loaves of stale bread bought by the barrel at bakeries for 4 cents a piece, they sell to them for 25 cents a piece, and sometimes more. Much of this stuff the immigrants are obliged to throw out of the car window as uneatable. They use the hard dry bread only.

"The hotel-keepers inveigle immigrant families having no money into their taverns, and on one pretext and another, keep them, giving them almost nothing to eat, until their bills amount to a sum sufficient to enable them to seize their baggage. Then they turn them adrift, to be sent, perhaps, as paupers to Ward's island. A trick is played on the German immigrant by all these people, is the counting of money. For instance, they say that the price of some article, or the amount of some bill, is \$1, or so many dollars. The immigrant does not know what a dollar is and inquires. They answer that a dollar is 100 cents. Now in German money it takes 400 cents to make a dollar, so that 100 cents in their money is really but 25 cents in ours. The German immigrant pays 100 cents in our money ignorantly supposing that he is counting out a quarter in so doing. Thus the grocers sometime sell a loaf of bread for a quarter, and take 100 cents of our money in payment for it. The runners have

reduced lying to a fine art. Their helpless prey know only of truth and honesty, having in the old country seen nothing else, and are easily imposed upon by their misstatements and their various artfully disguised methods of robbery."

A Press reporter, disguised as a runner, by the aid of a Bowery necktie and a paste diamond pin, entered one of the stores alluded to above with a friend, who in turn was disguised by a German cap and an old suit of clothes. The seeming runner winked at the shop-keeper and drew him to one side.

"You're a new man?" said the grocer.

"Yes; I've just got my license to-day. How much per cent. will you give me?"

"Forty per cent. on all above the regular profit."

"I want fifty per cent."

"I can't do it."

"I'll take him to another store, then. That's the regular profit."

"We pay the old men that. But if we make a good thing out of him I'll do it."

Then followed a series of attempts at intimidation and virtual robbery on the part of the "runner," and the shop-keeper, of which the alleged immigrant was to be the victim. He was enjoined, threatened and lied to, but all to no purpose. He remained so strangely stupid that nothing could be done with him.

"I will try to 'fix' him," said the "runner," as he at length left with the "immigrant."

"I shall only give you 25 per cent. hereafter," said the grocer.

At the lunch stand in Castle Garden they sell cigars at 5 cents a piece to the immigrants, which a Mulberry street Italian would blush to dispose of at two for 1 cent, and which ought to be a misdemeanor to sell. The petty officials of the railway companies around the garden treat the immigrants as if they were cattle.

Pulque—The Mexican National Drink.

In a letter from Mexico to the New York Sun, the writer says: "This liquid is distilled from the maguery plant. It has a disagreeable smell and taste, but no description can possibly convey an adequate idea of its hurtful effect upon the prosperity of the country. In the first place, the most fertile and productive lands of the upper plain of Mexico are altogether given up to the production of the maguery plant. And when it is remembered that a maguery takes often years to come to perfection, and that very little attention is required in the mean time, it will be evident the employment of this species of agriculture gives to the laboring class is far below that required for the cultivation of any kind of grain. Yet it is by this class of persons that pulque is most drunk, and consequently the roads of the workmen find their way into the pockets of rich owners of haciendas who spend their profits in Paris or Brussels, while the working people receive no substantial benefit from the principal agricultural pursuits of the country. Besides, the effect of pulque drinking is horribly enervating and demoralizing. Taken in moderation it is an excellent tonic to the stomach, and Queen Victoria is said to be in the habit of drinking it for this reason; but taken in excess the result is fearful, as it produces the worst kind of intoxication. I have never seen so many drunken people as in the City of Mexico, where the 'pulquerias' are more frequent

than gin palaces in London, or gin mills in the Bowery. A pulque drunk lasts about twenty-four hours, and as one plant produces every day about four quarts, just about enough to intoxicate a pulque drinker, and this plant lasts for six months or more, the owner of a small plot of ground can remain half drunk, as indeed many of them do, for many years. The enormous amount of liquor that is consumed yearly can be estimated from the fact that in the City of Mexico alone the consumption is at the rate of a pint a day for every inhabitant, and that a special pulque train runs twice a day between Apam, a village, in the heart of the maguery district, and Mexico City, the freight from the pulque on each train amounting to seven hundred and eight hundred dollars.

The maguery yields another liquor which is not so deleterious in its effects as a drink or as an object of labor as pulque. This is the vino mezal, which is a species of brandy distilled from the juice of the maguery; and is not unlike Jamaica rum. It is manufactured in large quantities at Apam, where the dry and cold temperature of the great Mexican plain produces the maguery in its highest perfection. At Tequila, a little town in the state of Jalisco, to the north of Guadalajara, a very superior kind of mezal is manufactured, which takes its name from the town, and is really a very palatable beverage. But I am convinced, in spite of the usefulness of the maguery, supplying as it does, fruit, drink, yam, hemp, paper, needles and brushes, that it is one of the banes of this favored land."

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Get Your Photographs.

W. B. Slogans has located a photograph gallery on Bergman and Berry's corner, near Liberty hall, where he is prepared to do first-class work. Call early and get your photos while you have a chance to get the best.

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Reliable, energetic and considered the best judge on the coast in dress goods. Such has been the general remarks by leading wholesale houses, such as Fisher & Mayer, White, Goldsmith, S. Lipman & Co. and others. Every dress is warranted; every word is reality; and in proof of the above, we will in a few days take clippings from a copy which we understand will be printed in Portland papers, pertaining to this gentleman's remarkable success in three years. His agents are stopping at Mrs. Berry's and will execute all orders entrusted to them.

Mothers! Mothers!! Mothers!!!

Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? If so, go at once and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately—depend upon it; there is no mistake about it. There is not a mother on earth who has ever used it, who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the mother, and relief and health to the child, operating like magic. It is perfectly safe to use in all cases, and pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Sold everywhere. 25 cents a bottle.

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The assessment is as follows:

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